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MEDC GRANT TO CREATE 110 HIGH-TECH JOBS IN MARQUETTE *B3 COMPUTERS TO BRING NEW FACILITY TO KI SAWYER*

LANSING – State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) today expressed his gratitude to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Granholm Administration for their continued support of economic development efforts in Marquette County. Under a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), through the MEDC, B3 Computers will assist in establishing a new production facility at the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base and create 110 high-tech jobs.

"This grant will help assist Marquette County's efforts to attract new business investment and create jobs," Sen. Prusi said. "I am pleased that the Administration and MEDC remain committed to strengthening our local economy and assisting with the viability of the former Air Force Base."

B3 Computers is a San Diego-based company that delivers build-to-order desktop, notebook, and server computer systems through a network of major computer retailers. The Marquette County CDBG is the second MEDC grant approved for a U.P. community within the past week.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a partnership between the state and local communities, promotes smart economic growth by developing strategies and providing services to create and retain good jobs and a high quality of life. For more information on MEDC initiatives and programs, visit the website at www.michigan.org.

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Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes all Upper Peninsula counties west of Luce County.